

SUMMARY

The above Amendment and following Remarks are responsive to the points raised in the April 7, 2003 Office Action. In the Office Action, claims 1, 3-5, 7, 11-13, 16, 25, 29-32, and 34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being unpatentable over Campbell et al. (US 1,600,396). Claims 1-5, 7, 11-16, 25-32, and 34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Campbell et al. (US 1,600,396) in view of Stone (US 5,551,938). Claims 9-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Campbell et al. (US 1,600,396) in view of Stone (US 5,551,938) as applied to claims 1-5, 7, 11-16, 25-32, and 34, and in further view of Decottignies et al. (US 5,097,651). Claims 6 and 33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Campbell. Claims 3 and 33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Campbell et al. (US 1,600,396) in view of Stone (US 5,551,938). Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1, 4-7, and 25 will have been amended and claims 1-7, 9-16, and 25-34 will be pending in this application. Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested.

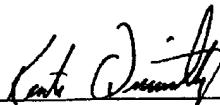
REMARKS

The Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the time spent discussing this application by telephone on June 18, 2003. In response to that discussion, Applicants have amended claims 1, 4-7, and 25 as suggested by the Examiner to advance prosecution of the present application. While the Applicants continue to aver that the claims prior to the present amendments are allowable over the art, claims 1, 4-7, and 25 have been amended as suggested by the Examiner in view of the finality of the rejection to place the claims in condition for allowance. Applicants reserve the right to pursue claims directed to further subject matter in any continuing applications filed hereafter. Claims 1-7, 9-16, and 25-34 are believed to be allowable

and an early notice to such effect is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding the foregoing response, he is invited and urged to telephone the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully Submitted,

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